

**MOTION BY SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
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February 14, 2012

**Application for Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to develop a
Comprehensive Master Plan for Sustainable Parks and Recreation**

The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program is a local assistance program run by the State of California's Strategic Growth Council (the State). The goals of the grant program include reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting public health and revitalizing urban and community centers.

The State has made available approximately \$18 million dollars during this funding cycle to support this initiative. Grant applications are due on February 15, 2012 and do not require matching funds.

Staff from the County of Los Angeles' Department of Parks and Recreation have drafted a proposal for consideration by the Board of Supervisors to develop Phase I of a Comprehensive Master Plan for Sustainable Parks and Recreation (the Master Plan). Specifically, this Master Plan would be comprised of various Community Parks and Recreation Plans (the plans) for unincorporated areas across the County. The initial phase would include specific plans targeting the economically disadvantaged communities (EDCs) of East Los Angeles, Lennox, Walnut Park and Willowbrook.

In collaboration with community stakeholders, each plan will include opportunities to create green spaces, enhance recreational programs, establish storm-water management systems, and plant tree canopies within the respective unincorporated community. Each plan will serve as a guiding document to meet the evolving needs of present and future generations. The total grant request for this project is \$1,000,000.

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WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Approve the attached resolution in support of the development of a Comprehensive Master Plan for Sustainable Parks and Recreation – Phase I Project.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as the agent of the County of Los Angeles, to submit the grant application, accept the grant agreement, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, contracts, amendments, payment requests and any other activities that may be necessary for the completion of the Comprehensive Master Plan for Sustainable Parks and Recreation – Phase I Project.

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN
FOR SUSTAINABLE PARKS AND RECREATION**

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84); and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures require all award recipients commit to threshold requirements;

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the development of the proposal:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the County of Los Angeles Comprehensive Master Plan for Sustainable Parks and Recreation – Phase I in order to become a more sustainable community; and
2. Certifies that applicant will have sufficient funds to develop the Proposal or will secure the resources to do so; and
3. Certifies that the Proposal will comply with any applicable laws and regulations including being consistent with the State's Planning Priorities identified in Government Code section 65041.1 and summarized below:
 - a. Promote infill development and invest in existing communities
 - b. Protect, preserve and enhance agricultural land and natural resources; and
 - c. Encourage location and resource efficient new development; and
4. Certifies that threshold requirements outlined in the guidelines, including consideration of Ocean Protection Council Sea Level Rise Guidance will be met; and

5. Agrees to reduce, on as permanent a basis as feasible, greenhouse gas emissions consistent with California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 3850) of the Health and Safety Code; and
6. Agrees to meet the Collaboration Requirements of the focus area applicable to the Proposal; and includes all required documents in the application package; and
7. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 14th day of February, 2012, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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